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## Resources



**Film: Aga's House (2019)**  
**Director: Lendita Zeqiraj**

*Lendita Zeqiraj: "To me it was very important to show real women on the big screen. It was very important to show the actors as normal people living their lives. Of course, my inspiration is that I'm surrounded by those women everyday in Kosovo. My intention was to present those women without the victim label from the beginning. Those women, they need help from society, because it is not their fault."*

### **Trailer:**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NpuwymDs\\_Cw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NpuwymDs_Cw)



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### Fun facts:

- Lendita Zeqiraj stated that the film is pure fiction, however the sentiment evolved from her experienced in a refugee camp in France.
- The people playing Aga and Emira are non-professional actors. Zeqiraj cast them in a prior short film, and loved the realism working with non-actors.
- Zeqiraj hopes that her films will create and encourage a film industry in Kosovo, as she puts it, “now the younger generations have a door they can knock at.”
- This film is highly topical. In 2018, after two-decades of campaigning, the Kosovo government provided wartime rape survivors the official status of war victims. This allows them a monthly pension of 230 euros.
- Lendita Zeqiraj has a sister Blerta, who is also an established filmmaker. Her films focus on LGBT rights.



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## **Festival Appearances and awards:**

- **Bilbao International Festival of Documentary and Short Films (2019)**  
**WON:**  
ZINEBI First Film Award – Special Mention  
**Nominated:**  
ZINEBI First Film Award – Best Film
- **Bosphorus Film Festival (2019)**  
**WON:**  
International Competition – Best Actress  
**Nominated:**  
International Competition – Best Film
- **Cinedays Skopje Film Festival (2019)**  
**WON:**  
Special Mention – Best Film of the CineBalkan Selection  
**Nominated:**  
Golden Sun – Best Film of the CineBalkan Selection
- **Kolkata International Film Festival (2019)**  
**WON:**  
Special Jury Award – International Competition: Innovations in Moving Images  
**Nominated:**  
Festival Prize – International Competition: Innovations in Moving Images.
- **Tirana International Film Festival (2019)**  
**WON:**  
Audience Award – Best Feature Film  
**Nominated:**  
Best Balkan Film – Best Film, Best Director, EYE on TIFF Debut Feature Competition  
– Best Feature Film.



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## Video material:

Check out Lendita Zeqiraj's other work... <b>'Fence' Trailer.</b>	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v4IermvwVM4">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v4IermvwVM4</a>
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## Interviews:

VARIETY: <b>'Aga's House' Director Lendita Zeqiraj on Kosovo's Hidden Trauma, Healing.</b>	<a href="https://variety.com/2019/film/global/agas-house-lendita-zeqiraj-kosovo-1203255666/">https://variety.com/2019/film/global/agas-house-lendita-zeqiraj-kosovo-1203255666/</a>
Cineuropa: <b>Lendita Zeqiraj – Director of Aga's House.</b>	<a href="https://cineuropa.org/en/interview/374742/">https://cineuropa.org/en/interview/374742/</a>
KVIFF TV: <b>The Filmmakers @ KVIFF 2019: Lendita Zeqiraj.</b>	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K7lqzQD_sZs">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K7lqzQD_sZs</a>

## Reviews:

High on Films	<a href="https://www.highonfilms.com/agas-house-2019-kviff-review/">https://www.highonfilms.com/agas-house-2019-kviff-review/</a>
Rotten Tomatoes	<a href="https://www.rottentomatoes.com/m/agas_house">https://www.rottentomatoes.com/m/agas_house</a>
Screendaily	<a href="https://www.screendaily.com/reviews/agas-house-karlovy-vary-review/5140806.article">https://www.screendaily.com/reviews/agas-house-karlovy-vary-review/5140806.article</a>
Variety	<a href="https://variety.com/2019/film/reviews/agas-house-review-1203287878/">https://variety.com/2019/film/reviews/agas-house-review-1203287878/</a>